

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:

a main body portion defining a proximal end and a distal end and including a malleable portion fixedly positioned between the proximal and distal ends;

a deflectable portion associated with extending distally from the distal end of the main body portion and deflectable relative to the main body portion;

a steering mechanism, operably connected to the deflectable portion, that bends the deflectable portion relative to the main body portion; and

at least one operative element carried by the deflectable portion.

9. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the main body portion comprises a catheter body.

10. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion comprises a steering spring.

11. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion deflects in at least two directions.

12. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion deflects in at least four directions.

13. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one operative element comprises an electrode.

14. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one operative element comprises a plurality of spaced electrodes.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 15 claim 8, wherein the steering mechanism comprises at least one steering wire secured within the deflectable portion and movable relative to the main body portion.

17. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the steering mechanism further comprises a handle connected to the proximal end of the main body portion and to the at least one steering wire.

18. (New) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion is more flexible than the main body portion.

19. (New) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the malleable portion is not part of the steering mechanism.

20. (New) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the malleable portion is not part of the at least one steering wire.

21. (New) A catheter, comprising:

a tubular catheter body including a tubular malleable portion and a distal portion that is distal of the tubular malleable portion;

a steering spring mounted within the tubular distal portion;

at least one steering wire that extends through the tubular malleable portion and is connected to the steering spring; and

at least one electrode carried by the distal portion of the tubular catheter body.

22. (New) A catheter as claimed in claim 21, wherein the distal portion is more flexible than the tubular malleable portion.

23. (New) A catheter as claimed in claim 21, wherein the at least one electrode comprises a plurality of spaced electrodes.

24. (New) A catheter as claimed in claim 21, wherein  
the steering spring defines first and second sides;  
the at least one steering wire comprises first and second steering wires;  
the first steering wire is connected to the first side of the steering spring;  
and  
the second steering wire is connected to the second side of the steering  
spring.

25. (New) A catheter as claimed in claim 21, wherein the at least one steering  
wire is secured directly to the steering spring.